

SWEDEN EXPECTS REAL NEUTRALITY

With King at Helm People
Are Breathing Easily,
With War Remote.

CLOUDS HAVE PASSED

Conservative Party and Al-
lies Control Balance of
Power for Peace.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

STOCKHOLM, June 24.—The Swedish people are breathing more easily now than at any time since the war began. They are convinced at last that their king and their government are determined to maintain a strict and impartial neutrality until peace shall have been declared, and they are plunging with renewed vigor into property unprecedented in the history of the country.

That Sweden would give up this prosperity and the happiness which has come with it for the peril of the poverty and the misery of war seemed unthinkable to the foreign observer, but it cannot be denied that the political and international crisis through which the country passed the latter part of May brought it dangerously near to the brink of catastrophe. Not that the people wanted war—far from it—but the anti-Russian propaganda carried forward by an influential group of politicians known as the "Aktivist" party, had at a time of momentous importance threatened the delicate balance of neutrality and was outspokenly an effort to force Sweden into war with her traditional enemy, Russia, and thus ally this part of Scandinavia with the central powers.

This "Aktivist" movement was denounced by the Socialists and Liberals in the Swedish parliament as more pro-German than pro-Swedish, and was referred to on one occasion by Socialists as "a dangerous financial backing." The pro-German press of Sweden carried the campaign at times to a violent extreme, and the bitterness engendered between these papers and those representing the Liberal and Socialist elements of the country may not be offset for years to come.

Conservatives Safe.

The Liberals and Socialists frankly feared for a time that the influential "Aktivist" would win over the support of the Conservative party, which still controls the upper house of parliament, and is supposed to more than hold the balance of power in what is theoretically a coalition cabinet. But when the fever came, when the situation was at its worst, the Conservatives threw their strength with the other two parties in a determination to keep Sweden out of the war at any cost.

It so happened that the "Aktivist" campaign, designed to upset the neutrality of Sweden, actually brought about an agreement among the conservative political factions of the Swedish parliament, which has given Swedish neutrality a stability and a standing before the belligerent nations it had not enjoyed before. This agreement was the immediate result of an "Aktivist" interpretation in parliament calling attention to the alleged permanent character of the fortifications being erected by the Russians on the Aland Islands in the Baltic, and asking what the government proposed to do about it. At

night the lights of the Alands are visible from the easternmost points of Sweden, and the nearest of these islands is but six hours sail from Stockholm. Russia had given informal assurance to Sweden that the fortifications were only temporary, being erected for the purpose of protecting certain mine fields and thus defending the islands from possible capture by the Germans. Sweden was further assured that the fortifications would be removed at the end of the present war.

Wear Old Clothes.

LONDON, May 18.—"Don't be ashamed to wear old clothes in wartime," the exhortation placarded all over London, has not fallen on deaf ears. Few new spring suits are seen, even on sunny days. Navy blue is worn by nearly everyone who is not in mourning. A practical plainness seems to be aimed at by the majority.

American Dies.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

TOKIO, April 21.—Miss M. M. Norton of Connecticut and Manila, an American writer of prose and poetry, died here recently after a lingering illness of cancer born from Manila to collect material for a new book. Funeral services were held at Christ church in Yokohama.

ENEMY LINE TOUCH AT ITALIAN HAMLET

Zagora Is Only Place in En-
tire War Zone Where
Trenches Collide.

FIGHTING TOGETHER

Austrians and Italians Use
Same Barbed Wire Pro-
tection Here.

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY, June 22.—Zagora, which is a little mountain hamlet that was buried in oblivion before the war, is famous today as the only point on the Austro-Italian front, and perhaps on any army front, where enemy trenches actually run into each other. For four hundred miles on this front the Austrian and Italian trenches run parallel, but often as close as thirty to fifty yards, but at Zagora they slide into each other and then slide away again, uphill and down dale, following the general trend of the Italian coast, which empties into the Adriatic sea far above Venice.

The situation at Zagora illustrated the difficult and curious character of the warfare on this front, where there are probably not anywhere opposing lines of trenches crossing so much as a single acre of flat land, for there is no flat land except on a rare mountain top.

"You must see Zagora," they're always fighting there, playing little tricks on each other," said a division staff officer to the correspondent of the Associated Press. He then took down a photographic map and showed two lines of trenches running for miles along the mountain sides. "The upper is the Austrian and the lower is ours," he explained. "Note that at Zagora the two lines run together."

It was decided that the best time to see Zagora was in the early morning when the actual firing was desultory. Many miles of walking before daylight over a postcard bridge spanning the Ponzo river and up a mountain side protected from artillery shells by tunnels brought the party to the headquarters of the officer in command of the hill forces. The commander conducted his visitors still further up the mountain towards Zagora, already visible as a heap of ruins of what once had been the peaceful homes of peasants. The visitors went up at an angle of sixty degrees, in the shelter of old trenches that once had been front trenches. At every turn were visible little plots of wooden crosses where Italian or Austrian soldiers had fallen during the terrific fighting carried on by the Italians to gain their way up the face of the mountain.

Like Sword Duel.

"It has been like a sword duel between us all the time," said the commander, "with little artillery fire, because either side using guns would, in view of the closeness of the opposing trenches, kill both friends and enemy."

"It's wonderful the way the soldiers have kept up their spirits here," he went on. "For a whole month, last fall, when the mountain was a mass of wet rock and mud, when it was impossible to get food up only by night, when the men could not be relieved, when to strike a light meant death from a sniper, when our trenches were but hastily constructed piles of stones left by the Austrians as they pushed them foot by foot towards the mountain top, the men held on with amazing cheerfulness. Not even the wounded complained. The death struggle developed the best qualities of our men. Even the socialists among them, whose principles do not include fighting, became some of my best soldiers."

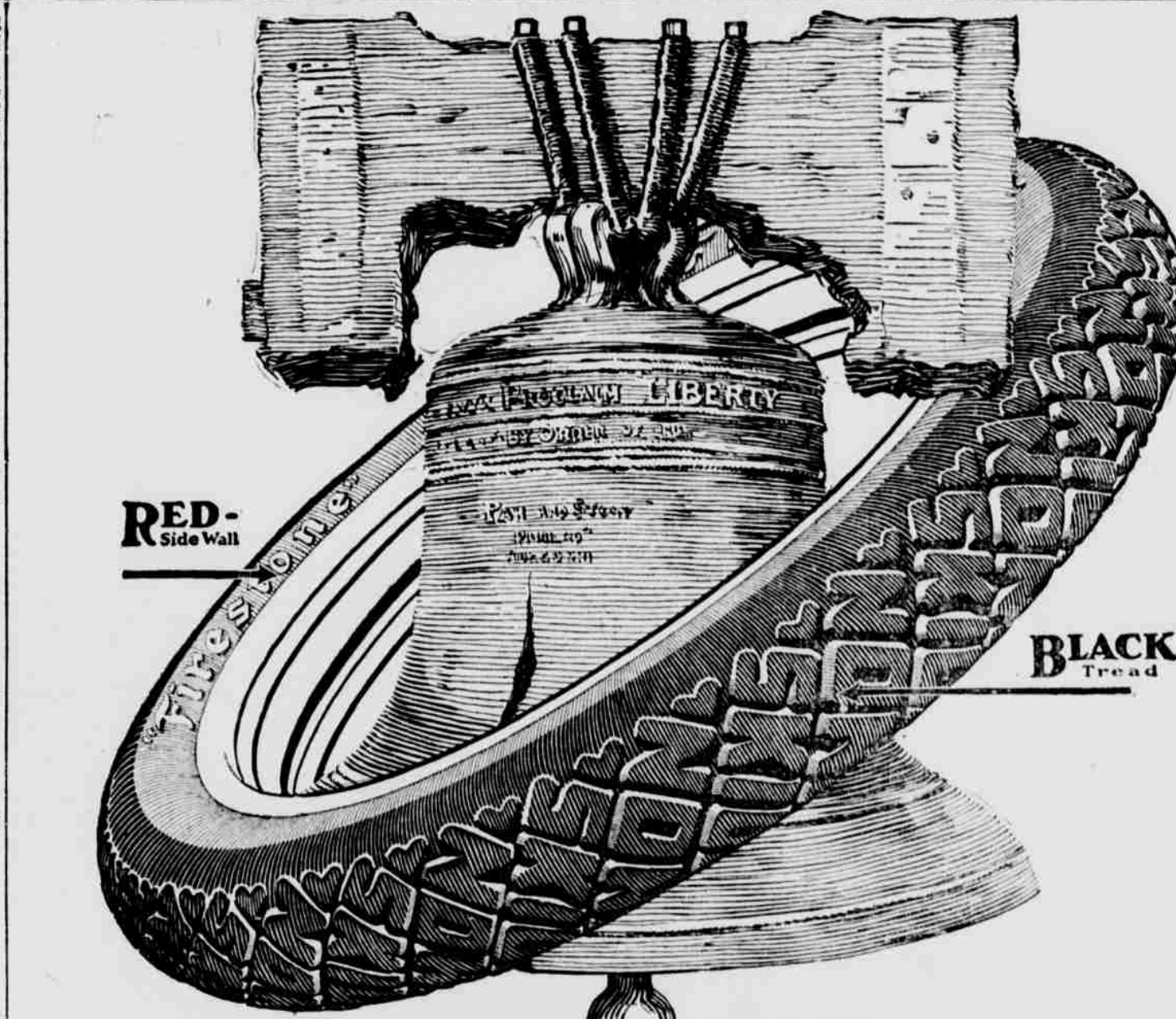
As the visitors came full upon the shattered, blackened stone walls of the hamlet of Zagora, the commander advised: "Stoop low, now, and run quietly. When you reach our front line, don't talk, don't even whisper. The Austrians will hear you and begin an attack, thinking we ourselves are about to start one."

The party halted near the walls of what once had been a huge country kitchen, built under the lower side of a house, facing toward the mountain top. Within stood men again, the wall, with rifles in their hands, peering out at little apertures. On the other side of this wall, not two feet away, stood silent enemy watchers, always ready to fire. The place might have been a tomb so silent were its occupants. The only sound came from the floor where men were sleeping with their faces covered with blankets to deaden their snores.

Danger Everywhere.

This place of Zagora, with its silence fraught with expectant danger, was more impressive than any open field filled with the shriek of bursting shells. The party crept from this silent corner through dark tunnels ways and zig-zagged about other ruined foundation walls, where other soldiers stood, and on, down a line, until the Austrian trenches could be seen through a maze of barbed wire defenses.

An officer pointed to the barbed wire and said: "We are on such in-



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References: Third National Bank, Sedalia, Mo. Send this notice to some eczema sufferer.

Use Coconut Oil For Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain unsifted coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this won't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily, and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulsified coconut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough for last everyone in the family for months.—ADV.

COMMUNITY FARMING SCHEME

A City's Man's Novel Idea to Get
Back to the Farm.

For men who are disgusted with city life and who want to get back to the farm, a scheme discussed in an editorial in Farm and Fireside should prove of the greatest interest.

A subscriber to Farm and Fireside with a family to support and little chance to save, but who had a net worth of \$2,000 as the result of 12 years' economy, discussed a co-operative farming scheme with some of his friends who were in a similar position, and who were farmers in the country. They planned to move to some section of the south where land is comparatively cheap and to settle as a community on a tract that would provide a farm of about eighty acres for each family. The plan was to buy the equipment for the farm on some co-operative basis, also improved breeding birds for stock raising, and to have a house and farm supplies in the center of the tract purchased for the same way. With \$2,000 apiece they would have enough and to spare.

It was agreed that one or two heavy tractors and several light ones would furnish power to operate the machinery on a dozen farms, and by hiring one practical successful farmer to manage the entire farming operation, a reasonable degree of success could be counted on from the start. This plan appealed quite strongly to most of the men present who were farmers, and to the number of about 15 altogether. What was the favor of a majority of these men was the idea of being able to establish an up-to-date school and provide conveniences such as running water and electric light by co-operative means from the start. This would be brought about by locating the homes in a little settlement in the center of the tract purchased.

This seems to be an absolutely new angle of the back-to-the-farm movement, says the editor. Of course, there have been real estate boom schemes floated along somewhat sim-

ilar lines, but the development of a plan by members of a city church club to carry church and school and social organizations and modern city conveniences into farm pioneering puts a new phase on the city-to-country movement.

SAVING THE HONEY-MAKERS

Devotes His Life to Saving the Wild
Flowers.

Farm and Fireside has a description of a man who is doing more than any other that we know of to save wild flowers in danger of extinction. When he isn't inspecting apiaries in his war on bee diseases, this paper tells us, Frank C. Pellett, Iowa state inspector, is rescuing wild flowers from his fellow Iowans. A half-acre plot on his little farm is used exclusively as a wild flower preserve, and there are more varieties of wild flowers and plants growing in this small field than can be found in almost any garden in the country. Some of these flowers have become extremely valuable because of the fact that they have practically disappeared from the fields and timberlands of the state. The state has suffered an immense loss because of this ruthless destruction of its native flowers, Mr. Pellett believes, and he is preserving all of the species until such time as the farmers begin to realize their mistake and are anxious to make amends by repopulating the roadside with honey-producing plants.

Inspector Pellett gave up a growing law practice to live "close to nature." He spent the greater part of one summer raising by hand a family of young paper-making wasps, who lost their mother in a storm and succeeded so well that the baby wasps probably never realized their loss.

Incidentally there are more birds' nests on the Pellett farm than can be found in any one spot in the middle west.

WAS TOO GOOD FOR HIM.

Cook Couldn't Stand Being Outshone
By His Own Master.

Frenchmen of more than merely aristocratic distinction—authors, artists and scientists—have yielded to the siren lure of little pots and pans, and the bright beckoning of kitchen fires. But among many who learned to cook a little, or even to cook creditably, there was only one who really became a cook. That was Alexandre Dumas, the elder, and for his qualifications we have the word of his chef.

The chef, M. Edouard, after some months in Dumas's service, came to him with a very gloomy face to give notice of his departure.

"But, my dear Edouard, why?" expostulated Dumas. "If it is a matter of money, you shall have more. I do not wish to let you go; you cook ad-



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An Insult.

The justice of the peace leaned over toward the defendant.

"You are accused," he thundered, "of wilfully striking and causing bodily harm to Mr. Brown, moving picture operator of this town. What have you to say in your defense?"

The defendant, a grocer, drew himself up proudly.

"Your honor," he said, "the man insulted me."

"Insulted you? In what way?" demanded the magistrate.

The grocer blushed a ruddy hue. "If you please, your honor," said he, "he came into my shop and asked if he could take a moving picture of the cheese."—"People's Home Journal."

Handicapped.

There was a trial on in a justice court in Texas. A witness for the plaintiff was on the stand and was giving damaging evidence against the defendant, who was represented by an amateur. He may rank with professionals. Still, I cannot remain tranquilly in his kitchen, permitting myself to be surprised. I depart with homage and regret—but I depart. Youth's Companion.



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